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For: **ELECTROSURGICAL GENERATOR WITH ADAPTIVE  
POWER CONTROL**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

1. (Thrice Amended) An electrosurgical generator for applying output power to a load having an electrical impedance, the output power having an RMS value, the electrosurgical generator comprising:

an impedance measurement circuit electrically connected to the load for producing a measurement indicative of the electrical impedance;

an RF output stage connected to the load for applying output power to the load, the RF output stage having an RF input stage for adjusting the RMS value;

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